

PRESS RELEASE

“Best Public Service Excellence Award”

Fingal County Council is delighted to have received the “Best Public Service Excellence Award” at the “Fingal Business Excellence Awards 2010”, which were held on Friday 5th November at the Crowne Plaza, Santry.

Ann Marie Farrelly, Senior Executive Officer, Economic and Social Division of Fingal County Council said “The Award recognises the success of the Drinan Enterprise Centre which is already home to 20 businesses. Fingal County Council would like to pay tribute to all of the businesses who have located at the Centre and are delivering much needed jobs to the area. Thanks also to the voluntary board of directors whose skills and expertise have contributed to the Centres success and to the Council staff who manage the day to day operations. “

The Fingal Business Excellence Awards are organised by the Fingal Dublin Chamber and recognise the efforts of companies to promote excellence in the quality of their products, services and customer care, and also the importance of acknowledging and celebrating the success of businesses in the area. Fingal County Council received the award in respect of the Drinan Enterprise Centre.

The Drinan Enterprise Centre has been developed as part of Fingal County Council’s ongoing responsibility for ensuring that sustainable economic development and growth in the county continues in a managed, structured, localised and innovative way.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Drinan Enterprise Centre, the third such centre developed by the Council, comprises 28 high specification offices and 5 modern industrial units, providing enterprise space to new businesses in County Fingal.
- The centre provides additional business supports including business planning, reception, networking opportunities and fully equipped training rooms. The centre welcomed its first business in March 2010 and it is now home to 20 companies supporting 50 jobs.
- Demand for the offices has been extremely high reflecting the attractive location and the state-of-the-art facilities available.

- A separate company 'Drinan Enterprise Centre Ltd', with a Board drawn from Fingal County Council, the local business and business support sector and the local community has been established to oversee the overall management of the centre.
- The voluntary nature of the time given by members of the board to the delivery of this project is testimony to the strength of will that exists locally to develop new facilities that deliver an economic and jobs dividend.